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PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, the amendment I believe is on the Clerk's desk. Is that correct? If I may give you a brief explanation. I have talked with a number of people that are affected by this legislation. They are not against LB 213, though they lose a considerable amount of money and of course advertising. The proposal simply is to go the same route as the State of Iowa and simply leave that kind of local sign type advertising to the Department of Roads. This is permissible under the Federal Rules and Regulations. I know that the State of Iowa is doing it. I'm not so sure how many other states are doing it. This type of sign would be put up by the state. The private industry, whoever advertizes there, would pay for it. I also at least have heard that Mr. Doyle seems to be agreeable to that. I think we should put this in the form of an amendment on Senator Bereuter's 213. I'll be happy to answer any questions if you have any. I can also show you a picture of these signs as they look along the Interstate routes, if you're interested in that. Are there any other lights on Mr. President? Then I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the amendment be adopted. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on Senator Bereuter's motion? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Question for Senator Bereuter. Did I understand in your earlier remarks that the DOT objected to the language that was in the appropriation bill? I assume that you have an amendment now that just says 660 feet, both the Interstate and the primary roads ... maybe I misunderstood your statement.

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, Senator Warner, they don't object to the language. They're simply saying that since it doesn't prohibit the building of additional signs with that language that it's not adequate to keep the ax from falling on us.

SENATOR WARNER: Then if you prohibit additional signs but could the current signs that are in existence...the signs that are currently in existence, could they be retained?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, they cannot be retained. They will go along with the priority system of removal that you and I, jointly by amendment, put in the budget bill. They will go along with that. They know about that. They think that's reasonable. Eventually, all of the signs that are visible from the Interstate will have to go. Presently there are 220 signs in the state that are beyond 660 feet.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.